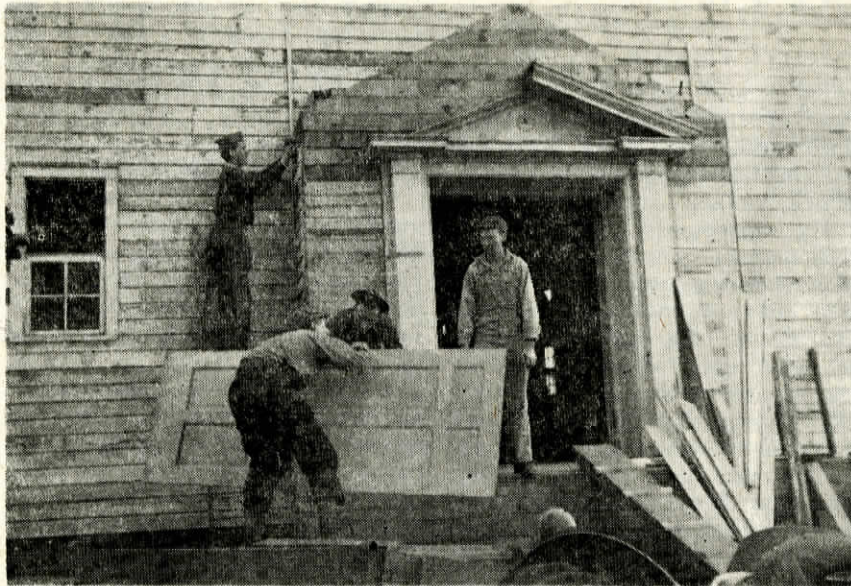


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The chapel entrance gets some finishing touches by Ted Payne, while Ellsworth Balzer, Sterling Theobald, and Vernon Koester unload doors. Meanwhile, the floor is going into place inside and the furnace is being installed in the basement.

SEVEN MAKE COVETED DEAN'S LIST

With freshman Charles Taber heading the group, six men and one woman managed to capture places on the Dean's List for the first quarter. To do so requires a general average for the quarter of 2.45 or better, and this is by no means an easy average to attain on Bryan Hill, so all credit to the following "superior" students, whose averages are given.

- 2.667—Charles Taber, freshman, Allentown, Penna.
- 2.588—Kermit Zopf, sophomore, Marshfield, Wis.
- 2.562—Norma Konves, junior, Mansfield, O.
- 2.552—Donald Oakley, sophomore, Mishawaka, Ind.
- 2.527—Henry Moeller, junior, Dayton, Tenn.
- 2.500—Harold Goehring, sophomore, Evans City, Penna.
- 2.500—George Birch, senior, Macon, Ga.

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GOSPEL SINGERS ORGANIZING

With tryouts recently held for coveted places on the quartette, the time for scheduling appearances for these Gospel Messengers is rapidly drawing nigh. During the past few years they have traveled many thousands of miles, a total of approximately nineteen thousand of which was added last year by three groups.

Churches which are interested in presenting to their people a testimony which is Christ-centered and which is a service, rather than a program, are invited to write to the Bryan University Gospel Singers for details and for possible dates. As the two groups will cover this year considerably more territory than has heretofore been covered, applications for services should be mailed early.

THANK YOU

To the many, many friends who contributed in response to the Christmas letter go our hearty and sincere thanks. A glance at the financial receipts listed under Sam's column on the last page will prove that many did respond.

We who are on the Hill in the Lord's work, though we realize the tremendous need for even greater receipts and for a continued sacrificial giving on the part of all who would have Christ-honoring colleges in this country, do appreciate the encouraging response and wish to express grateful thanks to all who have responded, either by material gift or by prayer.

More and more, as the years have gone by and as Bryan has been enabled to overcome obstacles that have beset our way, we have come to appreciate the faithful support coming from the hundreds whose only knowledge of the work on the Hill must

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WANTED copies of THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COURT TRIAL

Many friends have written, asking us for a complete account of the Tennessee Evolution Case, more commonly known as the Scopes Evolution Trial. We have in the University Library only one copy of this book, which gives a complete stenographic report of the Famous Court Test of the Tennessee Anti-Evolution Act. Mr. Bryan's last message (undelivered) as well as speeches and arguments of the attorneys are included in the book.

The book was published by the National Book Company, of Cincinnati. It is bound in a light blue cloth, contains 339 pages of printed material, and was copyrighted in 1925. If you have a copy of this book, please contact the Bryan University.

SOPHOMORE VESPERS

The first vesper service of the new year was presented by the Sophomore class on Sunday afternoon, January eleventh.

The program, entitled, "Then Jesus Came," was given in dialogue form depicting the lives of various Bible characters who had met with Christ face to face and had had their lives changed by Him at these meetings.

The first scene concerned the blind man whom Christ found begging by the roadside. The climax took place when the former blind man gave a personal testimony to the skeptical Pharisees, telling how Christ had not only given him physical vision, but spiritual insight as well.

The blind man was portrayed by Thomas Taylor, and the Pharisees by Gordon Carlson and Ben Crump. At the conclusion of this scene, Virginia Oakley sang "Then Jesus Came."

The second scene presented the conversion of Mary Magdalene, showing the great change that took place in her life after she had been relieved of the seven demons which possessed her body.

Wanda Lautzenheiser, who played the part of Mary Magdalene, sang "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus."

Scene three showed how the life of Levi, the tax-collector, was radically changed when he heeded the call of Christ: "Follow me." Levi was portrayed by Don Oakley, who also sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Wayne Snider and George Cone played the parts of fellow tax collectors.

The fourth scene depicted the life of Paul from the time he was a zealous Pharisee persecuting Christians to the time when he said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Herbert Birch gave a vivid characterization and the audience was deeply moved as they heard once again the stirring testimony of Paul. At the close of this scene, "Follow, I Will Follow Thee" was sung by Janice Lien.

These first four scenes showed clearly the transformation that takes place in a human life when Christ comes in—from lives of sin, selfishness, pride, and uselessness to lives of humble and sincere service for the Lord.

The next portion of the service consisted of testimonies given by Georgia Standen and Hugh Coombs. These testimonies hinged upon He-

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Others who made the Honor List, the upper ten percent of the student body, were Sterling Theobald, Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada; Ian Hay, Dayton, Tenn.; Lester Farrington, Valparaiso, Ind.; Gordon Carlson, Elyria, O.; Othel Sullivan, Fairview, Tenn.; Leonard Meznar, Cleveland, O.; Janet Norczyk, Ontonagon, Mich.; John Mason, Hindman, Ky.; Roy Capshaw, Grahn, Ky.; Ruth Ann Adams, Des Moines, Ia.; Ella Lee Hall, Tariff, W. Va.; Charles Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; and Edgar John Lieb, E. St. Louis, Ill.

LOVE

God is love. How little we can know of that great word. Love, which reaches the lowest, most defiled and taking that uncleanness on Himself, clothes the sinner in robes of His righteousness and seats him in the heavenlies.

Love, which remains when the loved one turns away in rebellion. Love, which calls, though the hardened soul rejects. Love, which forgives when love is unreturned.

How great the love that blesses when it is trodden under foot by unthankful men, that waits the wanderer who deliberately turns away, that tenderly shelters, though the sinner worships at another shrine.

God is love. That love was manifested in His gift, the greatest He possessed—His only Son—who reached the depths of suffering unknown to man, yet for man.

Lord, take the darkness from our hearts and may we see anew thy love, and in a greater measure love—yea, all within the human power—love the One who loved unto the uttermost.

—Angie Garber, '47.

brews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." They clearly pointed out that the Lord not only worked in the lives of Biblical characters, but continues to work in the lives of those who today meet Christ by faith. Special emphasis was placed upon the fact that Christ is working and wants to work in an even greater way in the lives of students at Bryan University.

The final scene, an African death, presented a real challenge to all who were in attendance. The weird sounds of tom-toms and the African death wail were heard in the distance as the soul of an old native slipped out into a Christless eternity. As the sound of the death chant died

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BRYAN GRADUATES PROMOTED IN AFRICA

Recently word has come from Africa that Albert Wyllie, '45, has been placed in charge of the Sudan Interior Mission station at Igbaja, which charge is, in the terms of an older missionary of many years of service, "quite a responsibility for a first-term missionary." We appreciate the fact that Al and Mrs. Wyllie, Gwen to most of us, are being used of the Lord in one of His many fields of foreign service, to which they went in 1946, and we rejoice with them in the new responsibilities the Lord has entrusted to their young but willing hearts and shoulders. We shall be praying as they answer this new call to duty.

WANT A COMMONER?

With the staff hard at work, toiling on into the night, the 1948 COMMONER is rapidly taking shape and promises to become, in the words of the editor-in-chief, the "best yet." Though he does not divulge just what the contents are to be, he promises plenty of pictures—and good ones—and plenty of interesting material to go with them. Better order your copy now.

Christmas vacation on Bryan Hill is no who enjoyed their vacation working on the and one other jobs that must go on. Those Robert Williams, Royal Grote, Allan Fish; merman, Mary Frances Rudd, Mrs. Timme Lyman Goehring, Carol Williamson, Preside Morgan, Morris Morgan, Prof. Fish, Mrs. Eldon Hoyt, Eldon Hoyt (face hidden),



TOLIVERS SHOWERED

The delay in the scheduled sailing date for Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Toliver and their three children offered ample opportunity for friends at the First Baptist Church and the University to give them a "Back to China" shower. Gifts were as varied as are the needs of missionaries who have spent several years in the field already and have learned from experience just what to take along.

Ralph and Rebecca, graduates of Bryan, have been used greatly of the Lord in their chosen ministry to a part of China's Millions, and we rejoice with them as they leave once again for further service abroad, this time in connection with the seminary at Chungking.

STUDENTS RETURN FROM HOLIDAYS

Early January saw the usual post-Christmas influx of young people on Bryan Hill, to where students returned from some twenty or more states, many with interesting experiences to relate of happenings at home or on the road, of opportunities to testify to the saving power of Christ, and of times of happiness within the family circles.

as is shown by this group of "Stay-on-the-Hill-ers," in the kitchen, cooking for the family, and doing the hundred and one things that are, seated on floor, left to right, Charles Taber, Elmer Hoyt, Celia Dixon, Annie Firebaugh, Mr. Timm, standing, Prof. Hoyt, Mrs. Dixon, Prof. Dixon, Mr. Rader, Mr. Keffer, Elaine Christy, Lois Weyhe, Carol Prof. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson, Ted Payne, Mrs.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Though much of the Christmas vacation was taken up with the work on the chapel, there were other activities of importance and interest. For example, there was the little matter of grades, for which students, at home with mother and dad, waited with varying degrees of joyous anticipation and trembling. Lois Weyhe was, in this case, largely responsible for happiness at home, so far as grades are concerned, for it was she who had to do the thousand and one calculations necessary to establish final grades, averages, and ranks.

In the kitchen Annie Firebaugh and Elaine Christy, ably assisted by "Tex" Williams, decked the tables three times daily, to the satisfaction and filling of a very pressing need experienced by all members of the family.

"Cows," if we may distort a well-known saying commonly applied to pigs, "is cows," and, as such, they must be fed and milked or become just another expense. The rather doubtful privilege of getting up with the cows was assigned to Henry Moeller, whose faithfulness added a few pounds here and there, to the pleasure or dismay of the recipients.

Despite the exceedingly mild weather, mornings were plenty brisk and demanded heat, so Morr's Morgan, Clair Brickel, and Charles Taber were others listed among the early risers on Bryan Hill. Especially appreciating their services were those whose duties called them out in the pre-dawn chill.

And the chapel! "Well, if you get the roof on, I'll be surprised," tartly challenged a home-goer as he was leaving the Hill for the holidays. So the roof went on in record time, and then the floor of the auditorium went down, and the windows went in, and the balance of the siding went up, and the light fixtures became fixed in the dormitory rooms, and the furnace was assembled. And that's just a part of the reply to that challenge, so ably accepted by President Rudd, Prof. Fish, Mr. Keffer, Charles Taber, Ted Payne, Henry Moeller, Lyman Goehring, Dean Risser, Morr's Morgan, Royal Grote, Sterling Theobald, Ellsworth Balzer, Clair Brickel, Bill Bishop, Lester Farrington, Jim Gabhart, Vernon Koester, and Norbert Prust.

SCARLETS AND GOLDS LOOSEN UP

Students who heretofore have been scholastically color blind are beginning to see flashes of scarlet and gold tossed about in the verbal winds of the day. Basketball season is on us, and the Scarlets and Golds are shaping themselves into the usual formidable foes of the annual contests. This writer would not, at this point of the game, want even so much as to suggest the outcome of the tournament, but if talk wins games—well, it will be some tie!

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come through these columns, other literature, or friends and students who have been here to see for themselves. You have given in faith, believing that your money will be used honestly and carefully for the furtherance of the Lord's work and to His glory. We take this opportunity of assuring you that, God helping us, we shall continue to use your gifts prayerfully and that we shall not deviate from our original purpose of establishing a Christian college in which the highest possible academic standards will be maintained and in which the Word of God will be taught in all its inspired, infallible power and glory. This is not alone a promise to our friends—it is a sincere covenant with the Lord. Pray that it might be faithfully kept.

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away, a group of Sophomores softly sang "Send the Light." In this scene there was no sign of hope, peace, or comfort. All was despair and hopelessness.

The announcer, Eldon Hoyt, then gave a stirring appeal, stressing the great need for missionary work among the peoples of the world who know not Christ.

"Face to Face," sung by Suzanne Miller and Lee Moreland, was a fitting close to one of the most effective vesper services yet given on Bryan Hill.

"Cling fast to the hand which is leading you. Though it be in darkness, though it be in deep waters, you know whom you have believed. Infinite love, joined to infinite skill, shall pilot the way through every strait and trial."—J. Alexander.

"A great many men are waiting for feeling, but feeling never saves, and the most unsatisfactory Christians are those who are governed altogether by their sentiments."—D. L. Moody.

Our 1947 Our
Budget 1948 Income
 May \$39,600

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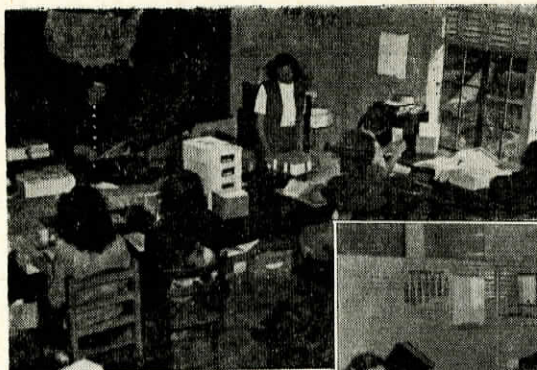
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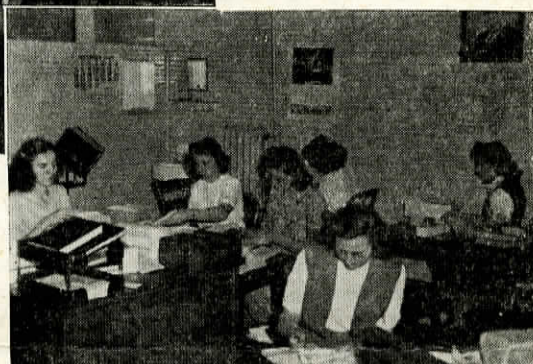
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Print shop and office

workers labor overtime to

get the Christmas letter
 into the mails.



Those appearing in the pictures above are left to right, upper picture, Arlene Christian, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Eller, Miss Wildern, Dorothy Krautter, Wanda Lautzenheiser, Mrs. Timmerman; lower, Ila Ruth Mahr, Catherine Marshall, Elaine Christy, Gloria Cloer, Miss Wildern, and Wanda Lautzenheiser. The picture on the wall is of Dr. Harris Gregg, former head of the Bible Department, now with the Lord he loved and served.

GIFTS TO CHAPEL

| | December | To Date |
|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Staff | \$ 60.00 | \$ 549.00 |
| Students | 125.21 | 1,319.80 |
| Alumni | 95.00 | 649.16 |
| Friends | 157.25 | 2,999.25 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Total | \$437.46 | \$5,517.21 |
| Deficit (from other funds) | | 9,103.82 |

Cost (through Dec. '47).....\$14,621.03*

CONSOLIDATED GIFT REPORT

| December, 1947 | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Operating Gifts..... | \$3,478.25 |
| Building Fund Gifts..... | 303.00 |
| Chapel Fund Gifts..... | 437.46 |

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Grand Total..... | \$4,218.71 |
| Total previous month..... | \$3,227.57 |

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance (December 1st)..... | \$6,039.65 |
| Building Fund Receipts | |
| No. 98-114..... | 303.00 |
| 5 % of Operating Gifts..... | 173.91 |
| | \$6,516.56 |
| Less Expenditures..... | 745.82 |

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Balance (December 31st)..... | \$5,770.74 |
| December Gifts | |
| (Operating Fund)..... | \$3,478.25 |
| Monthly Budget..... | 3,300.00 |
| Total Gifts (7 months).... | 17,138.42 |
| Budget Deficit to date..... | 5,961.58 |

MATERIALS ARRIVE

Not only did the Lord enable us to secure enough student and other workers to make unexpected progress on the chapel during the Christmas vacation, but He had delivered to the chapel materials that have been on order for the past several months and which were critically needed, both at the chapel and for the purpose of completing two of the faculty apartments to the extent of making them usable.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

A son, Harris Mark, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Lester Pifer on October 29, in Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson received as a Christmas gift, a daughter, Joyce Lorraine, who was born to them on Christmas day, in Medina, Ohio.

Lt. and Mrs. Vinton Fish announce the arrival of a son, William Lloyd, on December 11, in Fairfield, Calif.

Christ Above All

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